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CHICKEN THIEVES.

CONSTABLE JONES ARRESTED WESLEY STANFORD, ALIAS HARRY MORRIS, AND JENNIE MORRIS.

DOING WHOLESALE BUSINESS.

Stanford Has Bad Record - Done Time for Horse Stealing - Suspected of Other Thefts.

On Saturday last Constable L. W. Jones arrested Wesley Stanford, alias Harry Morris, and Jennie Morris on the charge of stealing chickens. The information was made by John B. Anderson of Port Allegany. Each are held in the sum of $200 each for their appearance at the June term of court.

The trouble with the [illegible] seemed to end up by [illegible] have been the case on the part of [illegible] stopping [illegible] Each [illegible] presence [illegible] and after the [illegible] would [illegible] and [illegible] may always [illegible] stopping [illegible] owners [illegible] interesting [illegible] of their [illegible] and Friday night [illegible] Upon [illegible] from Constable Jones took the matter up and on Saturday, in company with Mr. Anderson, went to the house and found a number of chickens dressed for market and one live chicken which Mr. Anderson identified as his, and then the arrests were made.

An order of relief was made out and on Tuesday the five hapless children were removed to the poor house. They are two girls, Celia, aged about 14, and Wave, about two years, and three boys, Harold, Joseph and George, aged respectively eleven, nine and two years.

That this couple have had a very successful season in the poultry business there can be no question. Since their arrest it has been found that they were furnishing nearly the whole town with chickens, turkeys, ducks, etc. They have furnished nearly all the poultry sold in two markets in town, besides keeping the hotels and restaurants well supplied. Of course they may have bought some of the fowls, but investigation shows that the roosts in the section are shy over 2,000 birds, so their enterprise must have been successful.

When the raid was made Stanford and Mrs. Morris, who is a cripple, were dressing chickens and burning the feathers, legs, etc., and even with this precaution the house was completely strewn with feathers.

Another man is supposed to have been interested in this enterprise but he is among the missing. To their door is laid the blame of burning and robbing Alfred Peterson's hen roost some time ago. It is reported that some time ago these parties were seen around a hennery at Cdeville, and, after being driven away were followed some distance when they pulled revolvers and told their pursuers to either go ahead or turn back. This ended the chase on this occasion.

From all reports Stanford is a tough character with a past. It is said that he has seen better days and that, at one time, not long ago, he sought bigger game than fowls. In speaking of a telegram of inquiry sent from here to the Chief of Police at Titusville the Herald of that place says: "There are strong grounds for the belief that Stanford is one of the men wanted in this section of the State for the numerous cases of horse stealing that have occurred at intervals in the past year. When arrested he had in his possession a small bay horse, weighing about 900 pounds. This may prove a clue to help in unraveling some of the mysterious thefts in this city."

When this aggregation first moved to East Smethport, last fall, the children were sent out and did considerable begging. The report that they were in destitute circumstances reached one or two of the clergymen of this place and they called to see if they could render some assistance but were given a rather frosty reception. Perhaps they thought that ministerial assistance was not needed in their business and if they got all the fowls which they are supposed to have taken they must have realized nearly $1,000 for their winter's work.

The Mosquito Must Go.

The New Jersey assembly has solemnly passed the death sentence upon the state's national bird. The mosquito must go. Its doom was sealed by a vote of 48 to 9. It is not to be supposed that the nine legislators who voted against the bill did so out of any friendship for the mosquito, but rather from an indisposition to spend money in the effort to kill him. The measure carries an appropriation of $10,000, which is to be expended by the state entomologist in prying into the mosquito's personal habits with a view to his undoing. The effort will be applauded. May power to the exterminators!

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ANCIENT HISTORY.

Happenings in McKean County in Days of Old, Taken from the Files.

At the Republican convention held in Smethport in 1857 the following officers were nominated: Sheriff, O. L. Stanton; Prothonotary, J. Morse; Register and Recorder, C. K. Sartwell; Commissioner D. J. Keyes; Auditors, J. R. Chadwick, W. J. Colegrove; District Attorney, Warren Cowles; Coroner, G. M. Smith; Overseer of the Poor, A. J. Rifle.

From the resolutions adopted at this convention we quote as follows: "Resolved, That while we condemn the sectional proposals of our late Representative, the Hon. Seth A. Ecclas, we are constrained to admit that he in the main faithfully represented the will and interest of his constituents and we fervently hope that he may yet be led to see the error of the Cincinnati platform and accept the people's creed, and show forth not only by profession but by his acts that he is opposed to extending slavery into free states."

Resolved, That we are pained [illegible] the administration of affairs [illegible] encroachments of the [illegible] against the people [illegible] yet we [illegible] the [illegible] with [illegible] President avows [illegible] principles and [illegible] the expounder of such doctrine [illegible] over [illegible] to the principles of the Missouri compromise with great [illegible] than [illegible] is a mystery."

Married, In Keating, Sept. 27, 1857, by the Rev. S. D. Morris Mr. Arnold N. McFall of Steuben county, N. Y., to Miss Helen C. Cowan of this town. The gold dollar rescued. The printer's blessing always follows such marriages.

In Norwich, Sept. 16, 1857, by the Rev. J. J. Roberts of this place, Mr. Nathan F. Perkins of Waymart, Wayne Co., Pa., to Miss Mary A. Lasher of Norwich, McKean Co., Pa., at the latter's residence.

At the Buffalo Fair on Friday a day of two sessions, in the main ten miles in 56 minutes, 20 seconds—a speed unprecedented. He would make a good campaigner.

It is stated that Brigham Young has taken to wife fifteen handsome young Indian girls.

The cry that was first up for the special purpose of taking President Buchanan to Washington and called the Buchanan car was the one in which Gov. Packer and daughters were conveyed to Harrisburg on Saturday previous to the inauguration, and the one in which Mr. F. A. Allen, Esq., editor and publisher of the McKean Citizen (one of the best country papers in the state, the subscription price of which is ten shillings), was conveyed from Harrisburg to Fort Treverton on Wednesday last. It is a beautiful car, magnificently fitted up, designed especially for the use of great men. On each window is "etched" the name of a state, together with its coat of arms. "Bleeding Kansas" was not there.

On Thursday morning of this week a man was arrested at Farmers Valley where he had put up the night before for stealing a horse belonging to S. A. Olmstead of Fox township, Elk county. We are unable to learn the name of the thief.

Times are improving. During the week we have received on subscription two cords of wood and a bushel and a half of rye. Three men also called for a settlement in accordance with the request we made in last week's paper, all of whom we were owing. This is cheering—we mean the wood and rye.

The financial statement of McKean county for the year ending Jan. 1, 1858, shows that the three county commissioners received $182.45 for their services, while $260 was expended for clerk hire. The treasurer's commissions for the same year amounted to $133.21.

Justice Agnew Dead.

A special dispatch from Pittsburg dated March 9 says: Hon. Daniel Agnew, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania died Sunday morning at his residence in Beaver, Pa. The venerable jurist had reached the remarkable age of 93 years. Daniel Agnew was born at Trenton, N. J., January 5, 1809, his parents removing to Pittsburg a year later. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from the Western University. He cast his lot with the Whig party and was prominently identified with the Republican party in later years. In 1868 he was elected Supreme Court Justice on the ticket with Gov. Curtin. In 1879 he retired from the bench continuing, however, to take an active part in politics.

Cure Your Catarrh Now.

V. Vau Dorn, 3014 Avenue B, Birmingham, Ala., writes: "I have had catarrh in one of the worst forms for 20 years, and after using Dr. Geo. Leininger's 'Formal-de-hyde Inhaler for two days feel entirely relieved and believe by its continued use I will get cured." Sold at 50 cents on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

Call and Settle.

Persons who are indebted to F. A. Mason must call at once and settle and save trouble. F. A. MASON

A BOER VICTORY!

GEN. DE LA REY COMPLETELY OVERWHELMS THE ENGLISH.

MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Gen. Methuen Wounded and Made Prisoner - Depression in London.

Just as England commenced to congratulate herself that the Boer war was practically at an end the wily Boer bobs up and changes the finances of the long looked for peace by giving Gen. Methuen's forces a terrible thrashing.

Before dawn last Friday morning 1,200 men, under Gen. Methuen and Major Paris, who were moving from Wenburg to Lichtenburg, were attacked by the forces of Gen. De La Rey and completely routed. Gen. Methuen was wounded in the thigh and captured. Major Paris was captured but released soon after. Three British officers and 25 rank and file were killed, five officers and 70 men wounded and nine officers and 200 men are missing. The losses to the Boers if any were so slight that dispatches do not mention them.

A London dispatch in part says: The newspaper correspondents in South Africa have not yet had an official account of the disaster. The only nightcap details available are contained in a further dispatch from Lord Kitchener which Mr. Broderick, the Secretary of War, read just as Parliament was adjourning. This dispatch shows that the first confusion was caused by native Boers who led horses who galloped through the mule convoy as the latter was endeavoring, by Lord Methuen's directions, to close on the ox convoy. The disorder among the mules communicated itself to the mounted troops, and the Boers, dressed in kaki and riding alongside the wagons, frustrated all the attempts of the British officers to rally their forces. A confusion ensued among the portion of the mounted troops and the mule wagons galloping three miles beyond the ox wagons, which they were cut off. The force under Gen. De La Rey was almost entirely dressed in British uniforms. This made it impossible for the infantry to distinguish between their own men and the enemy when the mounted troops were driven in on them. The enemy numbered 1,500 men. They had one 15-pounder and a pompom. De La Rey, Colliers, Kemp, Verraze, Tromp and other commandants were present.

The news of this disaster to the British army caused great excitement and depression in London and South American stocks took a sudden decline.

Will Enter Pittsburg.

A dispatch from Pittsburg to the Bradford Era, dated March 7 says: A. G. McComb of Bradford, chief engineer of the Interior Construction and Improvement Company of New York, the contracting interests building the Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern railroad, is in Pittsburg and the supposition, founded on good authority, is that he is here to determine a location and find a way for his road to make a connection with the Wabash road and get a city entrance to Pittsburg. The route likely to be selected could not be learned, but it is evident that the Shawmut has two or possibly three ways in view and that the engineering problems are not insurmountable on either route. The Shawmut people have been gathering up considerable coal territory through Jefferson and Elk counties and expect to create a coal carrying road of consequence and also to develop the territory through which the road runs with a view of affording patronage to the lines. A connection with the Wabash will give to the new road a terminal in Pittsburg in the heart of the city and afford the Wabash an outlet to the East, making the scheme profitable to both companies.

Soon to Wed.

A special dispatch from Port Jervis, N. Y., to the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle says: Frank Jones, of Port Jervis, and Miss Evaline C. Terwilliger, of Smethport, Pa., are to be married on or about April 1st, as the result of an election bet. Jones made a wager of a dollar with a friend last fall on the result of the November election; if Jones won he was to expend the dollar in a matrimonial agency, to secure a wife. He won the bet, and the next number of a Minnesota agency publication contained the following notice:

Girls—Here is a wife-seeker. Young man, 28 years old, wants a wife; weight 145; earns good wages and furnishes a neat home. All letters answered. Photographs exchanged. Frank Jones, No. 14 Bruce street, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Among others, Miss Terwilliger responded. A lively correspondence followed; photographs were exchanged and their engagement was announced. Jones is 25 and Miss Terwilliger 21, and good looking. The first meeting will be when the marriage takes place at Smethport.

Sap spouts and syrup cans at J. C. Hamlin's.

ANOTHER FIRE.

J. A. Holder's Barn Burned--Horse Needed for Hose Cart.

A small barn located on Bank street was entirely destroyed by fire last evening. The structure was so far from the hose house and the roads in such condition that it was nearly consumed before the firemen could reach it to turn on a stream. The loss will not probably not exceed $50. It started, like that of the great Chicago fire, by a cow kicking a lantern over. We understand that Mr. Holder had no insurance.

This fire again calls to mind the fact that some arrangement should be made to have a horse to draw the hose cart to and from fires. Smethport is widely spread and the majority of fires necessitate a run of over half a mile and it is almost impossible for human beings to drag our heavy cart to a fire in time to do any good, and the small cart will not carry enough hose to reach one fourth of the buildings on the outskirts of the town. In other towns the borough council offers a standing reward of $5 dollars to the owner of a team who will take the hose cart and the men to a fire, and thereby the men are saved the long runs and a great deal more effective work is done at fires in the suburbs. If this borough cannot afford to furnish a horse for the season, let the council do the next best thing and offer some inducement to have a team handy to assist in the long runs.

Washington Letter.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, March 10, 1902.

The Senate has devoted the past week to the consideration of the bill to promote commerce, popularly known as ship subsidy bill, and the bill for the defense of the President, the former of which is the regular order of business and on which a vote will be taken on the 12th inst. The discussion so far has been characterizedby an able presentation of the merits of the measure by Senator Frye, and a speech by Senator Hanna, whose plain, business like statement of the advantages to be derived by it was exceptionally forcible. Senator Clay of Georgia opposed the bill in a speech which lasted four hours but which was largely a repetition of the oft repeated arguments presented by the Democrats when the bill was considered by the last Congress. Senator Bacon has also argued against the bill for the defense of the President, claiming that the measure is an extension of the law regarding treason and therefore outside the province of Congress.

The House of Representatives has been the scene of an interesting and spirited debate on the bill providing for the substitution of the contract for the salary basis in the management of the rural free delivery. Party lines have not been drawn in the contest but much feeling has been displayed and it is impossible to tell what will be the outcome. The vote will take place to-day and there is considerable likelihood that the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads will be instructed to report a revised bill maintaining the service on the salary basis. Representative Newlands of Nevada, Williams of Mississippi and several other Democrats have told me that they favor the contract feature. Representative Swanson, a prominent Democratic member, is the author of the minority report which condemns the change, and there are a large number of Republicans who support his view of the matter. Among the latter is Representative Hedge of Iowa, who tells me that while he at first approved of the bill as reported he now favors a change. "As a whole," said Mr. Hedge, "I regard the bill as a distinct advance for the cause of rural free delivery. It defines it and brings it down to a system wherens, heretofore, Congress has merely appropriated money for the service and has left its expenditure entirely at the discretion of the Postmaster General. There is no doubt but that the bill will carry when it comes to a vote though it seems quite probable that it will be so amended so as to provide for the employment of carriers on a regular salary." Mr. Hedge, by the way, is opposed to any revision of the tariff and confidently predicts that none will be undertaken at this session of Congress. "The people of my state," he said, "are quite contented to let well enough alone. We are enjoying exceptional prosperity and desire no change."

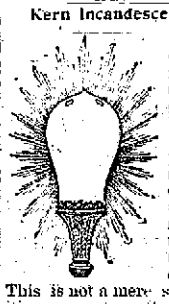
The third caucus held by the Republicans of the House on Thursday evening did not result in any decision on the question of doing something for Cuba. The floor throughout the evening was occupied by the friends of the Ways and Means measure but no vote was taken and the caucus adjourned to meet again to-morrow evening. When I saw Mr. Towney of Minnesota, who is is the leading spirit of the opposition to the measure, he said: "We are not particularly anxious that the substitute bill which I offered should be adopted. We are chiefly concerned in preserving the traditions and good faith of the Republican party. The party has promised protection to the beet sugar producers and the tobacco growers and those promises were made long before any promises could possibly have been made to Cuba, if any were made. If, however, it is necessary to do anything for Cuba, a fact which personally I doubt, there will be no objection from the members whose sentiments I voice, provided it is done, not at the expense of if few industries but at the expense of all the people. That is what my substitute bill provides for and while we will not push the measure we will not accept the Ways and Means Committee measure." So many rumors had been circulated to the effect that the President had receded from his position that Cuba must be made subject to the control of the United States was no longer bound to the support of Cuba, that Mr. Roosevelt last week made public a statement to the effect that he had not receded a particle from his original position.

Mr. Roosevelt has signed the bill making the census a permanent bill so long has elapsed between the Director Long has been to appoint only so many clerks as will be needed on the permanent organization, which under the provisions of the bill is to be the opinion of the Attorney General, empowered to [illegible] The bill [illegible] the 2,000 clerks now employed by the Boer war will be dropped [illegible] July 1st and the work will be [illegible] to [illegible] to possess [illegible] Census Bureau.

Tucker Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, on the floor last week for a statement in regard to his efforts in the line of reducing Southern representation in Congress. "Our plans are somewhat misunderstood," said Mr. Crumpacker, "largely because of the one sided presentation of the opposition press. It should be clearly understood that we have neither the intention or the desire to interfere with the negro question. We are simply attempting to enforce the letter and spirit of the constitution. For reasons, into which we do not inquire, a large number of adult males in certain states are not granted suffrage and at the same time the representation in such states is based on population instead of upon the number of voters. The constitution clearly provides that it should be. We simply propose to so readjust the representation that those who are denied the suffrage and apportion the Congressional representation to the number who, in the judgement of the dominant party, are qualified for suffrage. There should be no complaint against this whatever. It is entirely just and proper and in no way interferes with action of any state in determining who is and who is not qualified to exercise the right of suffrage."

In reply to a question Mr. Crumpacker said that Mr. Payne, vice chairman of the Republican National Committee, had for some time been in favor of reducing the representation in the National convention along these lines and that the movement would prove beneficial rather than otherwise to the party. The result of the last caucus on this subject will be the creation by the Committee on Rules of the House of a select committee to deal with the investigation and make suitable representations to the House and Mr. Crumpacker predicts that some action will be taken by Congress during this session.

Kern Incandescent Gas Burner.



The Kern Incandescent Gas Burner is a new discovery that saves 80 per cent. of your gas bill as it burns only 1 cubic foot of gas per hour. It gives a better light than electricity, no mantles to blacken, and no chimneys to break unless you want them and at only one-tenth the cost. This is not a mere statement but a positive guarantee. Some of the superior advantages obtained by its construction are: A luminosity two or three times greater than in previously discovered burners. No chimney being required as the burner creates its own pressure, great economy is made in the maintenance by avoiding the breakage of glass. The gases are perfectly consumed, the mantles do not blacken; therefore they are not so easily broken and practically will last from two to three times as long as under any other condition of burners. As the lighting efficiency per cubic foot is great, very small quantities of gas are used; therefore the light is a cool one. In Smethport where everybody must burn gas by meter before October 1st, these lights will create a great saving as they are made to consume but 8-10 of a cubic foot of gas per hour upward. The small globes (about the size of a 16 candle electric bulb) are made in all colors, sizes and shapes, and can be grouped by our ball fitting if desired. For further particulars as regards price, etc., call on or write Willett S. Palmer, sole agent for Smethport and vicinity.

Farm for Sale.

180 acres all fenced with new wire, 100 acres cleared, 25 acres of second growth chestnut and oak, land new and in high state of fertility. No passy grass on this farm. Will sell all together or in two parts. Orchard, about 100 trees.

New house, barn, silos, etc. House all plumbed and furnished with free gas. Will also sell binder, grain drill, weeder, low wagon, sleds, cutter, buggies and all farm implements; also horses, harness, cattle and sheep. Situated ½ mile from school and 2½ miles from Smethport. JAS. QUINN,
Lock Box 140 Smethport, Pa

MRS. JANE A. ALLEN DEAD.

Death Occurred Monday After a Short Illness of Heart Failure.

Mrs. Jane A. Allen died at her home just above town a few minutes before eleven o'clock Monday morning, March 10, aged 54 years.

Her illness was very brief, she being able to be around the house until last Friday. Her condition was not considered at all serious up until the very last. The cause of her demise was heart failure superinduced by grip.

The subject of this sketch was born at Allegany, N. Y., August 2, 1847, where her early life was spent. In 1868 she was married to —— Allen, and as a result of this union four children were born, three of whom, Henry Allen, Miss Rose Allen and Miss Grace E. Allen, all of Smethport, remain to mourn the loss of a loved and loving mother. Two grandchildren, Arthur and Hazel Hamilton of Smethport, complete the family circle. Besides her husband and children, Mrs. Allen leaves to mourn her loss two sisters, Mrs. Rosa Wilcox and Mrs. Lucinda Barnes, Pa., and one brother, Mrs. Allen attended the M. E. church and was a member of the Ladies' Aid society and was especially interested in the work of the church.

The funeral services will be held at the residence on Friday at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. Dr. Purviance will officiate. Interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

Magic Color Pictures.

A class A water color and a sponge or brush are five of paints on the wonderful "Water Graphs" which will appear in the Saturday Philadelphia Press. It is the greatest novelty of the year. The pictures are printed apparently in black ink. You touch them with water and in a second they become beautiful water color paintings. No skill is needed. Children can do it as well as grown folks. These "Water Graphs" are in addition to the mysterious magic pictures, which you rub over a blank space with a coin and a picture appears.

The great puzzle craze Sam Loyd is now in the Saturday Press and it leaves. He has a page of Sunday that will set you thinking, and please you, too. Don't miss Sunday's Philadelphia Press. It costs only 5 cents in advance. Then you'll be sure to get it.

Resolutions of Respect.

The messenger of death has visited Corps No. 23 and taken from our number Sarah M. Vickery.

Resolved, That we, the members of Corps No. 23, extend to the bereaved family and friends our deepest sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

Resolved, That while our hearts are filled with sorrow we deeply realize that we, Corps No. 23, have lost an earnest worker, and as a tribute of respect will drape our charter for 60 days and spread these resolutions on our minutes.

ROSE E. PEIRCE,
ADDIE S. STULL,
JENNETTE PARSON.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Mar. 8, 1902.

Mrs. J. A. Crowther, John Haughney, F. L. Dennis & Co., J. P. Devlin, Hugh Hopkins, Reginald Hopkins, Dick Johnson, Mrs. Mary Lyons, A. J. Nuck, Rev. J. W. Nevall, Jessie Parker, Foreign: Pery Hedlund.

Packages:—Mrs. P. J. Brough, Mrs. Charley Lepis.

Persons calling for the above letters please say "advertised." All unclaimed letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office two weeks from date of advertising.

J. C. GALLUP,
Postmaster.

At the Baptist Church.

Rev. Geo. W. MacPherson of Nyack, N. Y., an evangelist of excellent reputation, has been invited to the Baptist church to assist the pastor in a special series of evangelistic meetings. Rev. MacPherson will preach next Sunday morning and evening and every evening during the week. He will also preach at the Union church, East Smethport, next Sunday afternoon at 2:30. All citizens of Smethport and vicinity, who are not attending similar services elsewhere, are most heartily invited to attend these meetings. A good time is expected.

Mrs. Sturdveint and Mrs. Peterson, partners of Dairy Cafe, have dissolved partnership, Mrs. Sturdveint retiring. All bills having been paid up to date, March 5, 1902, I am in no way responsible for any more bills.

MRS. STURDVEINT.
Smethport, Pa., Mar. 5, 1902.

The 300 egg hen has arrived. She is a White Minorca. 275 eggs from 15 pullets in February. Book your orders for eggs from standard bred Minorcas and Japanese bantams.

M. L. ARMSTRONG.

Fishing tackle, large assortment, best goods, right prices. Holmes & Gilfillan.

Have Redfield's plumbers set your meters. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Wanted—Washing and ironing. Address Box 127, Smethport, Pa.

Buy the best quality of syrup cups, etc., of Holmes & Gilfillan.

Sap spouts and syrup cans at J. C. Hamlin's.

THEIR LAST MEETING

By F. A. Warman

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Every morning for a month or more the man had come to the gate at the outer office and asked to see the general manager. Every morning the office boy had given him a blank form to fill out.

"Mr. A."

"Wishes to see Mr. B."

"Business private."

As often as the boy went in with the slip of paper he came back with the answer, "The general manager is too busy to see you."

In time the employees learned to look not at the clock for the hour of 10, but to the gate that swung in the low fence. When he had come and gone thirty-seven times, leaving thirty-seven neatly filled requests behind him, the manager instructed the boy.

"Mr. A." said the boy and closed the door of the private office, leaving the two men alone. The general manager was embarrassed. Instead of a long haired, hollow eyed crank, with soiled linen covering his concaved chest his caller was a well dressed, intelligent looking gentleman.

"Delighted, delighted, Mr. B." said the stranger, advancing with outstretched hand. "So good of you to see me! Yes, I recall the other, yes, yes, I know how busy you are! Just so, just so! All right."

The men shook hands heartily, eying each other precisely as a pair of prizefighters do before the ring.

The manager noticed for the first time a peculiar look in the man's eyes. "Sit down," said the strong man of the railway and he took back into his sweeping cloth. "I shall take pleasure in doing this for you," said the visitor. "Do you keep on the corner? Can I get seated where a comfortable pose. The manager felt slightly under the stranger's positive and controlling eyes.

"You've a good thing," said the man, keeping his eyes upon the manager's countenance.

"I was tired of that," said the manager half playfully, but the man did not smile.

"You have some heavy grades on your line."

"Yes," assented the manager.

"You have doubtless observed that it is almost impossible to pull a heavy load that the rail slips out. Just when they are needed most is when the brakes refuse to work. You know that, don't you?"

"Yes."

"Well, I've spent [illegible] figures working [illegible] and the [illegible] I've [illegible] and the [illegible] I've [illegible] and the [illegible] I've

Redfield's Magazine

For March

Will be out on or about March the first.

Fine Illustrations. Entertaining Reading.

Sold by all Newsdealers.

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Smethport, Pa.

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KEROSENE LAMPS.

J. C. Hamlin.

SUN PROOF PAINT.

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Smethport, Thursday, March 13, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Bock beer is ripe.

—Time to plant your spring advertisements.

—Palmer, the plumber, has a new ad in this issue.

—The Treasurer's sales appear in this issue of the MINER.

—W. K. Sweetland was elected chief of the Coudersport fire department last week.

—The Crowell House, Coudersport, has been purchased by W. W. Crittenden.

—The Teachers' Association will meet in Mt. Jewett on Friday and Saturday of next week.

—Galeton must be a rather metropolitan town. It possesses a Waldorf hotel and a Delmonico restaurant.

—John Sanderson of Knapps Creek is ill with small pox. His residence as well as that of several neighbors is quarantined.

—Mrs. Sylvia Walker died at her home in Bradford Monday, aged 82 years. She was one of its oldest and most highly respected residents.

—The Wyman Chemical Co. of Port Allegany is making arrangements to develop a soft coal mine on Portage creek. May success crown their efforts.

—Clubs of from twenty to thirty students are organized in several counties to go in a body to the Clarion State Normal School to enjoy the benefit of free tuition. Write A. J. Davis, Clarion, Pa. for particulars.

—A broken rail caused a frightful wreck on the Southern Pacific railway, near Maxen station, 35 miles west of Sanderson, Texas, early last Friday morning. Fifteen people were killed and 28 more or less injured.

—Later news from "Paddy" Maher, who was reported to have been seriously injured while working on an oil well in West Virginia, states that he was not so badly injured as at first reported. This is good news to "Paddy's" many friends in this section. It will not be necessary to amputate his leg.—Kane Republican.

—A merchant who had a store in each of two small neighboring towns recently tried an experiment, says an exchange. He put a bargain counter in each store, containing the same articles at exactly the same prices. In the newspaper of one village he advertised his special counter. In the paper of the other he did not advertise and sold goods amounting to $53. In the store the same month where he did advertise he sold goods amounting to $172. In commenting on the result of his experiment that merchant says: "The people who got the advertisement pass by one of my stores and drive miles to the other for what they could have gotten at the same price at my store at their door."

—The latest news from T. W. Bell is to the effect that all hope of locating his missing son has been abandoned, and that he is on his way home. The river in which Frank Bell and companion are supposed to have been lost, has been dragged, and every step that it has been thought would determine the mystery has been taken but to no purpose. Mr. Bell should arrive home to-day or to-morrow.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

—John Sigg of this borough nearly lost his life while in an intoxicated condition Monday. He was walking along the B., B. & K. tracks near the Smethport glass works a short distance ahead of the train when he fell. The engine was barely stopped in time to save his life. He was picked up by High Constable Ness and placed in the lockup. Usually Sigg is a sober, industrious man and this should be a lesson to him.

—Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President, will not attend the coronation of King Edward VI. It was learned that the reason why Miss Roosevelt will not attend the coronation of King Edward is because it has been found practically impossible for her to go simply as a young American girl traveling privately in the household of Special Ambassador Reid. Notwithstanding she would not go to London as daughter of the President, but simply as Miss Roosevelt, it was learned that the London court circles were considering seriously the question of the status she would occupy in all coronation functions.

—About 50 Maccabees from Smethport and Crosby Tents attended the meeting at Bradford Saturday night. A class of 44 candidates were initiated into the order after which a banquet was given. Hon. H. H. North officiated as toastmaster, and during the courses pleasantries were made by the following knights: W. E. Blaney of Oil City, great commander of Pennsylvania; C. D. Everts of Pittsburg, great finance keeper of Pennsylvania; G. J. Siegel of Port Huron, Mich., supreme record keeper; M. G. Rauh, record keeper of the "Big Four;" J. M. Fisher, commander of Sulamanca Tent; A. R. Johnson, past commander of Carrollton Tent; Rev. M. H. Houghton, V. C. Clark and J. K. Merriam of Bradford.

DIAMONDS.

United States Buys Three-fifths of World's Output.

The world has never seen and is by other part of the world is there now to be seen anything like American jewelry business as shown by the conditions of today. With more than 300 New York establishments are engaged solely in the importation of precious stones, whose agents of American dealers are searching Europe for the white gem and hopelessly endeavoring to supply American appeals for rubies and emeralds and when Gotham men in South Africa are toiling to obtain diamonds, more than half of which are to add to the beauty and happiness of the American woman.

It is she that has caused the United States to become the greatest diamond market in the world. For her we have imported in a single year $20,000,000 worth of precious stones, for her at one period we smuggled them in at the rate of $7,000,000 a year, for her we annually buy something like $12,000,000 worth of diamonds and thus for her sake heartlessly leave of the world's total output of diamonds only some $8,000,000 worth to satisfy the vanity of all the rest of the women on earth.

For her adornment we annually cause to be brought to this country diamonds weighing in the aggregate 1,200 pounds, a weight three times that of the total output of the Kimberley Kopje alley field and practically the equivalent that of the whole of South Africa—the world's greatest producing area.—Frank S. Arnold in Munsey's Magazine.

Fund of Smoking.

Smoking [illegible] Dutchman [illegible] the South Sea Islands [illegible] smokers that one of [illegible] such will not his pipe. He finds [illegible] self unable to deprive himself of [illegible] indulgence going for [illegible] of a day [illegible] evening [illegible] several [illegible] American Speaking [illegible] Britain is said to have been [illegible] at the end of the sixteenth and the beginning of the seventeenth century.

At one time smoking was carried to such an excess in Seville cathedral that the chapter appealed to the pope for power to repress the abuse. Urban VIII., yielding to their wish, issued a bull which was promulgated Jan. 30, 1642.

In Wales smoking in church was indulged in as late as 1850. In one church the communion table stood in the aisle, and the farmers were in the habit of putting their nets upon it, and when the service began they lighted their pipes and smoked, without any thought of irreverence in the act.—Youth's Companion.

Coal.

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A Way of Cooking Rodents.

The negro slaves of Lamalee used to regard rats as a delicacy, their masters not providing them with any other meat. Their method of cooking the loathsome rodents was to impale each one on a long wooden skewer after cleaning the animal and cutting off the tail, turning it briskly around over a fire until the hair was all burned off. Then it was scraped until free from fur, and finally the end of the skewer was stuck into the ground, inclined toward the fire, until it was roasted dry and crisp, thus being made ready for the meal.

The Heart.

That wonderful piece of mechanism, the heart, appears to work continually day and night from birth to death, but in reality there are short pauses or rests between each beat which, though minute in themselves, amount up in the aggregate to eight hours out of every twenty-four. These short pauses enable the heart to repair the waste which constant work entails, and without which rest it would break down.

Used to Smoke in Church.

The Rev. Dr. Parr, whose perpetual curate of Hatton, Warwickshire, which living he held from 1783 to 1790, regularly smoked in the vestry while the congregation were singing long hymns, chosen for the purpose, immediately before the sermon. The doctor was wont to exclaim, "My people like long hymns, but I prefer a long pipe."—All the Year Round.

Sweet Charity.

Mrs. Gossipe—It is a positive shame to see how poorly Mrs. Charitee clothes her children.

Mrs. Clubb—But you must not forget, my dear, that her time is so much taken up with noble slum work that she has no time to look after them.—Ohio State Journal.

"Breaking the Bank."

The operation of "breaking the bank" at Monte Carlo consists merely in exhausting the temporary capital of one of the tables. When this occurs, that table does not of business for the day.—Washington Star.

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This Hotel has been recently built and is newly furnished throughout in the latest style. First class accommodations for the traveling public.
M. P. FLEMING, Proprietor.

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Having recently purchased the above Hotel, and made extensive improvements, I am prepared to cater to the traveling public.
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Smethport, Thursday, Mch. 13, 1902.

Call for Republican Primaries.

The Republican caucuses for primary elections will be held at the regular polling places in accordance with the rules of the Republican party of McKean county, on Saturday April 12, 1902 between the hours of four and eight p.m. for the purpose of voting, heralding one person for Member of Congress, and also for the nomination

Two persons for members of the General Assembly in the State Legislature.
One person for Sheriff.
One person for Prothonotary.
One person for Clerk of the Courts of General and Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer.
One person for Recorder of Deeds.
One person for Register of Wills and Clerk of Orphans Court.
One person for District Attorney.
Two persons for County Commissioners.
Two persons for County Auditors.
Three persons for Delegates to the Republican State convention.

And for the committeeman in each election district, one person to serve as a member of the county committee for the ensuing year, and that there be a convention be held in the court house in Smethport on Tuesday April 15, 1902, at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of [illegible] the number of said delegates [illegible] and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said convention.

By order of the County Committee.
EDWD. W. CAMERON,
Chairman.
J. F. MOYNIHAN,
Secretary.
J. M. McCLOY,
[illegible]

A Presbyterian preacher in the state of Pennsylvania has come out in favor of Prohibition.

Dr. Parkhurst's trouble with the Police Board of Commissioners should be quickly followed by the squabble of Speer.

Ex-Boss Platt has followed the example of President Roosevelt and invited Booker T. Washington to dine with him. Of course the aristocracy of the South has entered a protest.

SENATOR WILLIAM FLINN of Pittsburg has given out the statement that he has retired from politics. He gives as his reason that his increasing private business demands a lot of his time and attention.

CUBA will begin to govern itself with the inauguration of Tomas Estrada Palma as President on May 20th. The Cuban Congress will meet on May 16th.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has addressed Congress on the Monroe Doctrine, Civil Service Reform, Isthmian Canal, Reciprocity with Cuba, the Panama Canal, the Navy, Irrigation, Trusts, Labor Unions, Capital and Labor, Publicity, Civil Service Reform, Pensions, Immigration, Chinese Exclusion, Civil Service Reform, Pensions, Immigration, Chinese Exclusion, Civil Service Reform, Pensions, Immigration, Chinese Exclusion

F. G. LINDHOLM & CO., Main Street. | F. G. LINDHOLM & CO., Smethport, Pa.

Novelties in Tailor-made Suits

A beautiful display of new styles for Spring.

Our first general display of Spring costumes begins Saturday. It is well worth seeing, for we are showing some of the most fetching designs from first class Designers. Each displaying an individuality which must prove interesting to well dressed women. The price range is from $10.00 to $30.00 and the values are distinctly superior throughout.

Two Special Bargains in Black Silk Waists

$3.85 This waist is made of good quality Taffeta Clusters of tucks and hem-stitching on front, back and sleeves.

$6.00 A guaranteed soft Taffeta Silk Waist cut in the most fashionable style with long front and low bust effect. Beautifully tucked and hemstitched, trimmed with lace medallions

Burma Challie

There's a fine display of new spring fabrics, all the more interesting because of the extraordinary low prices we place on them. One special will go on sale Saturday morning: 1,000 YARDS OF BURMAH CHALLIE AT 5 CENTS A YARD, in pink, light blue and black, suitable for waists and dresses. Always sold for 10c a yard. Now 5c.

Continuation Sale of White Goods and Embroideries

This sale has been on during the entire month of February and has been one of the greatest successes of our special sales. We are continually new patterns to our line of Embroideries and White Goods and shall continue to give our customers the benefit of the established low prices.

A New Feature in Our Carpet Department

ALL WOOL ART SQUARES	
3x4 yards	$8.50
3x4 yards	$7.50
GRANITE ART SQUARES	
3x4 yards	$4.00
3x4 yards	$3.00

On the second floor we are showing an extensive line of carpets in the newest designs for Spring. We invite your special attention to our new line of Pro-Brussels which for durability cannot be excelled. All carpets will be made free of charge.

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Bargains in Stoves.

from now until March 15th, 1902, we will sell

Gas, Coal or Wood Stoves

at 1-4 off regular price. for instance

Triple Effect Gas Heater.	Reg. price	$18 00,	less 1-4	$13 50.
Jewett Reflex "	"	"	"	$18 00, less 1-4 $13 50
Detroit Jewell "	"	"	"	$18.00, less 1-4 $13.50
Tri Process "	"	"	"	$18.00, less 1-4 $13.50.

Remember that by another winter you will be required to use a Meter. Any one of the above Stoves will save its cost over other stoves in the less amount of gas used. If you don't need the Heater but will need one in the fall buy it NOW. It will pay you to carry it over the summer. These BARGAINS for cash only.

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McKean County Miner

Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

Smethport, Thursday, Mch. 13, 1902.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Civil court this week.

—MINER ads—money savers.

—Keep the cross walks clean.

—See Holmes & Gilfillan's new ad this week.

—The operetta, "Merry Milkmaids," is to be given in Port Allegany next week.

—Fry & Herzog advertise some extra good values in shirtwaists and wash goods this week.

—F. G. Lindholm & Co. have placed two handsome new copper signs on the front of their popular store.

—There is still one survivor of the War of 1812. He is Hiram Crook of Ava, Oneida County, N. Y., and is 102 years old.

—Miss Christee, a student of Warner's Business College, has a fine position as stenographer for E. L. Caldwell & Co. at Bradford.

—Ground was broken yesterday at the corner of King and Pine streets for a new parsonage for the Swedish Evangelical church.

—Mrs. McClintock, a graduate of Warner's Business College, has accepted a good position with C. R. Hambly, D. D. S., at Bradford.

—The entertainment given for the benefit of St. Elizabeth's church last Friday evening was well patronized and gave very good satisfaction.

—The body of an infant was found in a ten pound lard pail in the mill pond near the heading factory at Cross Fork last week. An investigation is being made.—Port Allegany Argus.

—Another old landmark is being torn down. It is the barn back of this office on the Ford estate. For many years it stood on the corner where St. Luke's church now stands and was part of J. C. Hamlin's hardware store.

—Mackanee Tribe No. 403, I. O. R. M., will serve an oyster supper at the Hose House Saturday evening, March 22. Supper served from 8 to 11 p. m. for 25 cents per plate. Everybody is invited to come and have a good time.

—The Rev. H. C. Woods of Olean, N. Y., is holding evangelistic services at the Methodist church.

—"Our Opportunity" is the Rev. Gaylard Patterson's subject for next Sunday morning at the Methodist church. "Profit and Loss" is his subject for the evening. A ladies' quartette will sing.

—The P. S. & N. tracks between Mt. Jewett and Larabee have been repaired from the damage done by the flood and trains are now running on schedule time. There is a slight change in the time table now published which will appear next week.

—A box car across the B., B. & K. tracks at Crystal Hill made it necessary for the trains running between Bradford and Foxburg to run down to that point and transfer the passengers around the wreck. The track was cleared so that trains ran through on Thursday.

—A ten-cent dance will be given in the Hose House next Monday evening, March 17, under the management of Paul Schoonmaker. A Bradford orchestra will furnish music and all are invited to come and have a good time. He will also give a dance at Colegrove on the following Thursday.

—A rather amusing incident occurred on the B., B. & K. last Saturday. A cow started up the track ahead of the engine and she refused to give the train right-of-way. One of the brakemen got off, ran ahead and dove her off, but she would insist on getting back on the track before the train could pass. Finally the brakeman got her off and held her till the train got by.

—Mrs. T. J. Gilbert was called to Coudersport Monday evening by a message announcing the death of her father, Harrison Koon. The deceased was an old resident of Coudersport and at the time of his death had reached the advanced age of 86 years. He leaves to mourn his demise three daughters: Mrs. William Kimball of Eulalia; Mrs. L. B. Cole of Coudersport, and Mrs. T. J. Gilbert of this borough.

—At St. Luke's on next Sunday the services will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. At the evening service the choir will sing the new lenten cantata, "Penitence, Pardon and Peace." In Holy Week, beginning March 23rd, there will be daily services at 9 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., and on Good Friday, March 28th, the additional service of the Preaching of the Cross from 12 m. to 3 p. m., consisting of the old, familiar hymns and tunes, prayers and addresses on seven words from the cross. This service has been generally attended by the people in increasing numbers for the past twenty years at St. Luke's church. There will be a children's service with the "Story of the Cross" at 4 p. m. on Good Friday.

—A quiet home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Colegrove on Saturday evening, when Mrs. Colegrove's son, Fred L. Capehart, well and favorably known in Smethport, was united in marriage to Miss Ella English of Coudersport, the Rev. G. H. Patterson officiating. The young couple left on Tuesday evening for Coudersport where they will make their home. They have the best wishes of a great many friends.

—The most nervous and most keenly analytical sketches of public men which have been published during the past two years have been those of William Allen White. The humorous and episodic between Mr. White and Mr. Thomas C. Platt is still fresh in the public memory. Mr. White's sketch for March appears in the Cosmopolitan and is on the late President Harrison. It will be read with wide interest by both the opponents and friends of that statesman.

—The Odd Fellows' parade and convention at Ridgway, April 26th, is the main topic of discussion in local I. O. O. F. circles at present, and the indications are that the occasion will be a "big day" in the history of that fraternity. It will be one of the largest gatherings of Patriarchs Militant ever assembled in Northwestern Pennsylvania, while the secret sessions and public meeting will be graced with the Grand Master, the Grand Warden and Grand Marshal.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Dresser have returned from an extended western trip which embraced a visit to the Pacific coast. During his absence Mr. Dresser completed a number of business transactions with Colorado and California firms, succeeding in placing a number of important orders for oil well supplies. In addition to his political and business interests, he is preparing to erect a handsome brick residence on South avenue during the coming summer.—Bradford Era.

Unprecedented Movement of Homeseeker's via the Nickel Plate.

Since starting our special effort to attract attention to the Nickel Plate road and its superior facilities and attractions to the homeseeker contemplating a trip to the West, such interest is apparent in our service, and so much encouragement has been given us that we will have personally conducted parties via the Nickel Plate road, leaving Buffalo the first and third Tuesdays of each month during the period these low rates are in effect.

Eastern farmers are just awakening to the fact that they can enjoy some of the prosperity being meted out to the western farmers and are going after it. Join one of these special parties. Try the superior service of the Nickel Plate road. The meals served in the Nickel Plate dining cars are the best in the world; prices 35c to $1. Quick service and lowest rate is our motto.

Write F. J. Moore, Genl. Agt., Nickel Plate road, 291 Main St., for full information regarding western farm lands and rates for these popular excursions, or C. C. Lowry, T. P. A., Holland, N. Y.

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The discovery of Dr. Geo. Leininger's Fo-mal-de-hyde Kidney Tablets has proved a blessing to thousands of kidney sufferers who have been restored to perfect health. These tablets drive the kidney disease germs out of the blood and prevent accumulation of uric acid in the system. We urge all sufferers to give this successful and scientific kidney remedy a trial. They come in two sizes, 25 and 50 cents. Come and get a trial treatment free at J. W. Voorhees.

Have Redfield's plumbers set your meter. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Detroit Jewel gas ranges work best. Holmes & Gilfillan.

PERSONAL MENTION

Louis McCann was a visitor in Kane Sunday.

Miss Agnes McCoy visited in Buffalo this week.

David Howells of Kane had business in town Saturday.

Ray Wolters and Corte Corwin were in Bradford Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Hinman is in Buffalo getting styles for Easter trade.

Attorney E. L. Ryan of Kane was in attendance at court this week.

Arthur Wright of Olean was the guest of friends in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Buckus of Eldred visited friends in town over Sunday.

A. M. Boardman was in Kane Tuesday looking after his political fences.

Mrs. H. L. McCoy and Mrs. J. W. Boston are visiting in Buffalo this week.

Mrs. A. J. Laley of Bradford was a guest of Mrs. N. H. Knapp on Wednesday.

Miss Lucy Mitchell was the guest of Bradford friends the forepart of the week.

T. J. Butler and E. F. Redfoot of Mt. Jewett were business visitors in town Saturday.

Walter Grubb of Bradford was greeting his many friends in town the forepart of the week.

Joseph McCarty of Pittsburg, accompanied by his sister-in-law, are visiting his parents in town.

Mrs. Chas. Usher and daughters left Monday for Rochester where they will visit for several weeks.

Editor Thos. McCleish of the Mt. Jewett Herald favored this office with a pleasant call Saturday last.

Miss Nellie Shepard left today for a week's visit with her sister who is attending school in Mansfield.

C. C. Ward of Port Allegany was in town Saturday in attendance at the meeting of the Underwriters' Association.

Correspondence.

FARMERS VALLEY.

With spring comes the moving fever to many and the Valley is undergoing a change. Mr. Potts is moving to Crosby and Will Kieky into the Frisbee house just vacated by George Bittinger, who has secured a job with C. Comes and has moved there. Other changes are anticipated for the near future.

We are glad to report Evelyn Steinhauer as able to resume her duties as teacher this week. She has been suffering from a severe attack of lagrippe.

Dr. Clegg of Rixford was in attendance.

We are pleas ed to hear of an effort on the part of our young ladies to organize a social club and wish them abundant success.

Some of our farmers are making ample sugar preparations but complain with they might but find the maples.

Present Council will be held this week in Tyler's hall, which has been rented for their use the coming year.

Dr. Brown was called on Saturday to attend Mrs. Lane of Cole Creek who has been ill for some time.

L. Bowden of Coryville was trying the depth of our mud on Tuesday. Hope he found it satisfactory.

A few of our T. E. A.'s visited Eldred Council on Thursday evening and report a very enjoyable time.

J. K. Stull, who has been in poor health for over a month, is much better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stull called on Mr. John Youmans of Smethport on Sunday.

Mrs. Frisbee of Coryville was in town on Tuesday attending to some business.

Mud, mud, mud, and lots of it.

Ray Mosier is on the sick list.

KANESHOLM.

The Democrats are so unaccustomed to a surplus in the hands of the treasurer of the county or nation that they are dumbfounded. A deficit would suit them better, as that is the way they did business—with a deficit.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Yard, William Nelson and the Misses Wilkins drove to Kane Friday evening to attend the revival meetings at the M. E. church.

Our constable saw a large bear on Saturday evening. His bearship was a little too fast and got away.

Mrs. Margaret Vaitine was granted a widow's pension of $8 per month last week.

Miss Laura Cramer of Nunsen is visiting friends here this week.

The bad condition of the roads keep the politicians at home.

Fred Wilkins was home Friday from Bloustor Hollow.

Chas. Martin has commenced work in the Johnson mill.

Rev. Yard preached here on Sunday evening.

Mr. Blanchard had business in Kane Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Falldine went to Kane Friday.

Fred Johnson drove to Kane Monday.

CLERMONT.

We take notice that a few more have added their names to the MINER as scribes. That is right send in your news and help the MINER.

County Superintendent J. E. Myers of Smethport was seen on our streets on Saturday morning canvassing for his fall of battle next May.

Sam Bell, candidate for prothonotary, was in town on Thursday of last week looking after his political campaign.

Born, on Friday last, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hafner, a baby girl. Mother and daughter are doing well.

Charles Hellman and John Shaller were in St. Marys over Sunday.

Justice Stranahan was on the sick list a few days last week.

Subscribe for the MINER.

FRY & HERZOG

New Wash Goods. Wash Silks

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MISS LANGDON S CHARM

By MARY WOOD

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They look soon settle for because words seemed inadequate, she to humor his mood. She watched the flickering fire, and he watched her.

Suddenly he bent over and took hold of the heavily laden chain that hung around her neck.

"Your scalp lock grows longer, daily. It will reach to your feet before I come back."

She laughed lightly as she said, "That is unkind of you, to so malign my charms as to call them scalps."

He went on bitterly: "You need not contradict me, for I have watched you gather them. I know the history of each one. That silver oar is a relic of boating days on the Charles and of John Kendrick, who went abroad to mend his broken heart. That gold golf club is from Fielding. Poor Stanley is a woman hater now. All have paid their tribute, all but me. Strange I should!"

Her face was flushed with something besides the light as she interrupted him:

HE MARCHED AWAY WITH HIS REGIMENT.

dignantly: "If you were not going away I should be downright angry with you for saying such things to me." She crushed the charms in her nervous fingers. "Do you think me so small that I would keep those as trophies of my conquests? You do not know me. Many are souvenirs of the happiest experiences of my life. Others are simply pretty trifles, and a few are—are—I don't know. It was a foolish whim to ask you to keep them. It's now over," and she held up an oddly carved silver heart. "I picked up at Benedict's the other day."

His face softened as he detected a regretful note.

"Forgive me, Ian—because, as you say, I am going away. I want even more than that. I have never given you a charm. There were always so many others. Yet now I ask one from you. Let me take the silver heart in trust. To you it is a small thing. To me—"

He paused. She had turned again to her study of the fire.

The shadow deepened on his face, but he continued, with a forced laugh: "Oh, I will bring it back again, never fear. And who knows but that its experiences in campaign on the battlefield may enhance its value in your eyes. If anything should happen to me, it shall be sent back to you in safety."

The girl turned impulsively. "You shall have the heart, Bob, but don't talk about not coming back again. We—your friends can't spare you." She smiled up in his face as she fastened it on his watch chain. "For the sake of old times." But she knew that it meant more than that to him.

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He marched away with his regiment, and she waved a dog and then fell with the rest. After that the weeks stretched out into months punctuated by letters written on shipboard and finally from the Philippines.

She forgot her interest in her charms and herself. It was a new experience. Between mail days she went to Red Cross meetings and read war bulletins. She told herself that it was her latest fad.

One day a newspaper telegram taught her the truth. It was the account of a paltry skirmish, and it said, "Many killed and missing."

It was his regiment. A dreadful fear seized her heart.

Later news gave the list of the missing. She swayed as she read it. But the horrible certainty of his name in print could tell her nothing. She had guessed it before. Rob was dead! And now she knew that somehow all the sunlight had gone out and left life gray and hopeless.

Her chain charm was dangling from her belt, and a swift stab of reproach roused her from apathy. She had been so unfeeling that last night. But, then, she did not know that she loved him. The chain brought it all back too vividly—the fire light and his face. She shut up the glittering thing in the depths of her treasure box. If she could only have buried memory with it!

And now as the days went by she watched with a horrible intentness for the heart to come back to her. He had said, "If anything should happen to me it shall be sent back to you in safety."

She knew that somehow or other it would come back to her, and it did. She opened the box with trembling eagerness. There was no word but wrapped in coarse paper was the silver heart, tarnished with a dull brown stain.

She awoke one morning to find that she had been ill for many weeks. When memory came back to her, she wept that there should have been an awakening. Through the long days of convalescence grew bitter realization that she had still work to do and she must live—in loneliness, but bravely. She was not resigned; she simply endured.

The gray fall and early winter went by and one evening found her sitting in the fire light. She had pleaded her delicate health as an excuse for refusing all invitations. Yes, she would face the coming of this new year alone.

She was absorbed in memories and heard nothing till a voice from the past called her to the present. She looked up with a slight shiver. A tall figure stood in the shadow. Slowly she rose. Her lips parted, but no sound came. Suddenly she stood upright. The figure came forward into the circle of the fire light.

"Don't you know me?"

This was no ghostly Robert Merredith, but veritable flesh and blood, and at his side hung an empty sleeve. She sank back in her chair with a faint cry.

He knelt beside her, his forced calm broken at sight of her emotion. She was sobbing convulsively. He did not know how the suffering of months was being washed away, and he grew frightened.

"Alice, Alice," he cried, "I never meant to come back crippled as I was! I thought you to think me dead when I sent you the heart. I thought you did not care. But I could not bear to go away forever without seeing you once more, so I stole back!"—

He stopped short at sight of her face. Tears still shone in her eyes, but as she looked at his face, so white and worn, at the empty sleeve, her own shone with the light of something more than compassion.

He knew the truth before she spoke, and the uninjured arm drew her to him as he said, with a sob, "My darling, how I have made you suffer!"

He could hardly hear her tender voice as she whispered, "We have both suffered, dear."

She took a tarnished heart from a ribbon round her neck and said in a tone half mirthful, half serious: "You have not asked to have your charm back, but I shall give it to you. Take better care of it, for this time my own heart goes with it."

She Won the Race.

The humors of donkey riding in Egypt have been told by most travelers in the east. The experience of the English governess of the khedive's daughter is told in her book, "Five Years In Egypt."

My donkey was rather an unsociable animal and was not satisfied with whipping, but kicked me on far beyond even the beating of my companions. Then at last he thought it to slacken his pace. As he was thus walking leisurely along I began to examine the contents of my pocket and took out my pencil to make some entries.

While I was thus occupied the donkey boy, who had run noiselessly after me on the sand, suddenly rushed up and with blows urged my donkey on again at full speed. I had only time to grasp the reins and away I went, my treasures all scattered behind me and I shouting to the boy to desist.

These boys run as fast as the donkeys, and in answer to all my scolding he replied, "Yes, missus, you very good donkey; he called 'Flying Dutchman.'" And then, to keep the honor of the name, another blow to urge him forward. In a few minutes I was on the bank of the river, long before my companions, and then the boy had the effrontery to ask for backsheesh for having got me there first!

Theatrical Superstition.

Among country theatrical companies superstitions are more varied and extended than among metropolitan ones, and are of course more blindly and religiously adhered to. If on entering a town where the next "stand" is to be made a graveyard is visible on the right side of the railway track, the country manager's heart swells with bright anticipations. But, if, on the contrary, the tombstones loom up on the left of the road he becomes depressed, as he takes the fact as a warning that his "business" will be small during his engagement in that place. Such a manager will be apt to give some man or boy a free pass to the theater on a first night, as he would fear a run of ill luck in case a woman should chance to enter the house before a member of the opposite sex had found his way within.

Major Andre.

The unfortunate Major Andre, who fascinated so many Philadelphia girls during the Revolution, was something of a poet and something of an artist, as witness the little exhibition of his work in the Philadelphia library. An autograph poem, rather graceful in its form and rather fresh in its sentiment, is there, and beside it are a number of silhouettes that the young man cut. The poem is dedicated to a young woman, and, if the lines are true, she was a very beautiful person, though she has been dust for many years now. The silhouettes are of British army officers and seem to be as vigorous and full of character as that slight form of art admits. It was Major Andre, by the way, who painted the scenery and drop curtain of the old Southwark theater in South street, below Fifth.—Philadelphia Record.

A QUEER BUSINESS.

Making Up Beggars So That They Will Excite Public Sympathy.

"How beggars are made" might be made the subject of a singularly attractive article. And it would not be confined to the mutilated cure or torture, but to the appliances whereby a certain deaf and dumb boy scrapes a handsome income, cripples men and women who, for purposes of their own, wish to be considered lame, halt or blind. That it is easier to be crippled than to work is the maxim upon which this particular trade is established.

"I'm what is called a street 'shakefakir,'" said one of these dealers in disguises recently. "I take up most of the sham disabled mill operatives, crippled sailors, etc., and charge 'em a small fee. If it's a woman with a tale that her husband beats her, I paint her a black eye and put her arm in a sling. Say it's a man on a 'blind' lay. Well, I paint some scars on his face to imitate the marks of a bad explosion and give him a green eye shade and a 'blind' card.

"If a man's really maimed, it makes it easier. Suppose he's been run over and had his leg cut off. I paint a picture of a burning house and him jumping out of a top window with a child in his arms and a yarn under it. 'Kind friends, I lost my leg thereby rescuing my employer's child.' That's a sure take of a 'fiver' a day.

"I make all these rigs myself," he continued when we got out. "I guys, but I have to keep clean, for the police are very down on my sort. I'm a fine wooden cup artist, as you look at your head and here's a childhood feat and yonder a pair for both feet."

"A queer business? Yes'd as soon you knew the jobs I'm asked to do sometimes. Only yesterday a woman wanted a real scene made on her face and actually wanted me to have real fits. Didn't know what she was asking for. Oh, yes! Why, bless you, scores of persons have asked me to show them how to excite sympathy. In fact, they'd do anything rather than work."—New York World.

SPRINKLING SINGAPORE.

The Solemn Procession That Accompanies the Watering Cart.

Poultney Bigelow in his description of the marvelous progress made by the city of Singapore under English rule gave a quaint picture of the manner in which the streets are watered:

The watering cart was drawn by little white bullocks and driven by Malays with turbans. It seemed to take five Malays to do this driving. One roosted aloft on top of the barrel for the purpose of controlling the outgo of water. He seemed very proud of his appointment. Another native in a big turban roosted on the pole and controlled the little cattle.

Then there was a man in thin brown tights and much turban who walked solemnly behind exhorting a fourfoot. He was obviously a government functionary although his exact sphere of usefulness I could not discover. He appeared to be something in the nature of a rear guard.

Then there was a "beater" or advance guard for the purpose of clearing the way. He progressed with an idea that the little brown ladies might get dusty on their Sunday shoes. At any rate, he gave orders to the rear guard, native, and that was something.

There was yet another who went down now and then to pick up a pebble or stone or brush away some irregularity unseen by ordinary eyes.

This outfit was a treat to me. It was solemn; it was full of self consciousness; it was magnificently oriental.

I have seen more in sedition moments. I have seen the red capped section master of Germany strut up and down his platform when an imperial train was about to arrive, but even that impressed me less than the watering cart of Singapore, with its municipal hierarchy of Malay ministers, each earning perhaps 2 cents a day.

Doves and Coronations.

At the ancient ceremonies of coronation of the French kings, after the anointing had been performed, some white doves were let loose in the church. This was supposed to symbolize the power of the Holy Ghost in directing the king's actions. A similar idea seems to have inspired all early kings, for among the English regalia is the rod of equity or the scepter with the dove. This is simply a golden rod with a mound at the top, which supports a cross. On this cross is a dove, fashioned of white enamel, with expanded wings. Some fine diamonds ornament the rod in various places.

No Excuse This Time.

"It was a new gun, your honor," protested the prisoner, "and I did not know it was loaded."

"But," argued the judge "the dealer has just told us that you did not pay for the weapon."

"What has that to do with it?"

"Well, if you didn't pay for it the dealer must have charged it for you."

And the judge tried to look as much like the pictures of Solomon as he could.—Baltimore American.

Our Surprising Sunflowers.

Few people in England, remarks a London paper, who grow the sunflower for ornament have any idea of its usefulness. And then it proceeds thus to describe the sunflower on its native heath in the United States:

So rich is this plant in oil that the seed of one of these monster plants will yield fifty gallons of oil, while the refuse of the seed after this quantity of oil has been expressed weighs 1,500 pounds when made into cattle cakes.

Three Classes.

Henry Thomas Buckle's thoughts and conversation were always on a high level. Once he remarked:

"Men and women range themselves into three classes or orders of intelligence. You can tell the lowest class by their habit of always talking about persons, the next by the fact that their habit is always to converse about things, the highest by their preference for the discussion of ideas.

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LAW POINTS.

A druggist may be convicted of maintaining a liquor nuisance though having a permit to sell liquor, holds the supreme court of Kansas.

The giving of a new note for an existing indebtedness will not of itself release collateral security held for payment of such indebtedness holds the supreme court of Nebraska.

A clothed divorced patient is a ward of the court and must not be removed from the state by the parent to whom the court has awarded the custody, holds the appellate court of Illinois.

A reservation of title in a conditional sale of goods is valid as between the parties and those succeeding to their rights, with knowledge of such reservation, either personally or from the records.

A decree of order for a notary in a divorce proceeding is not a debt within the meaning of that term as used in the constitution prohibiting imprisonment for debt, holds the supreme court of Washington.

A bequest in a will for the purchase of books on spiritualism, to be free to all, is held by the court of chancery of New Jersey in the case of Jones versus Warford 450 Atl. Rep., 1896 to be a charitable gift which a court of equity will enforce.

How They Differed.

During the last term of the late Zeb Vance in the United States senate his brother, Robert Vance, was elected to represent the Asheville (N. C.) district in the lower branch of congress. One Sunday morning soon after Robert made his appearance in Washington a friend asked the senator if he and Robert agreed on the subject of religion as well as they did on politics.

"No," replied the senator; "Bob is a Methodist and believes in falling from grace, but never fails, while I am a Presbyterian and don't believe in falling from grace, but am all the time falling!"—New York Times.

Good Reason For Selling.

"I notice," said the man who had called in answer to an advertisement, "you state that you wish to sell out this business and can give good reason for doing so. May I ask what is your reason?"

"Certainly," answered the other man. "The reason why I want to sell out this business is that I'm not making any money at it."—Chicago Tribune.

The Same Tongue.

"Hi say, you know," said the cockney addressing the Bowery boy, "we cawn't be henemies; we 'ave to be brothers. We speak the same lyangwydge, you know."

"Wat t'ell. Holler fer an interpreter. You're wuzzy. I seen you butten your eye. Git propper; git propper!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Methods of Genius.

"Dr. Johnson could remember everything he wrote," said the literary man.

"That is the difference between Dr. Johnson and myself," answered the composer of music. "I write everything I can remember."—Washington Star.

Inconsistency In Clocks.

Wigg—It's queer how time flies.

Wagg—Yes; you would think that clocks ought to have wings instead of hands and feet.—Philadelphia Record.

DIAMOND BACK TERRAPIN.

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The Poor Little Fellow.

The street Arab lives by his wits, if he lives at all well. Two youngsters who peddle cough drops on Chestnut street have learned this thoroughly. One of these boys is much larger than the other, and a crowd was attracted to the corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets the other day to see the big boy pummeling the little boy. At the proper time the big one disappeared, leaving the little one surrounded by sympathetic onlookers. Several persons, pitying the "poor little fellow," gave him nickels and pennies.

The sequel showed that the "poor little fellow" was in league with his supposed tormentor. No sooner had the crowd dispersed than the big boy came along for his divvy. The scene was repeated several times always with the same result.—Philadelphia Times.

Obliterating Smallpox Pittings.

Scientific treatment and much skill are required to remove smallpox pittings successfully. This treatment is given by a masseuse, but massage is not used, as it would never remove the pittings. The process requires a careful removing, little by little, of old cuticle. The new, which takes the place, is smoother than its predecessor and requires about ten days for treatment. Thus, after a couple or more treatments and in a comparatively short time, the deepest scars are replaced by a perfectly smooth skin.

Not to His Advantage.

"Huh!" grumbled Mr. Skimmy, who was being uncomfortably crowded by the jolly looking fat man. "These cars should charge by weight."

"Think so?" replied the fat man. "Why, they'd hardly think it worth while to stop for you."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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HOW THE DOCTOR WON

By Jeannette S. Benton

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The office boy handed the doctor in the number and went out. Her face was buried in a basin of water, and the formaldehyde bottle stood open.

"Have a fine smallpox?" she asked.

"Bad," she replied, emerging rosy from the bowl. "Is any one waiting?"

"Seven now, but Mr. Doane Aldrich's been there over four, but they got tired waiting."

"Very well. Tell him I will be there in a minute."

As the boy closed the door she walked to the mirror and regarded herself attentively, spraying violet water over her hands and hair.

"I wish I had some powder," she murmured. "I am afraid I look blowzy."

To the tall young man in the reception room she looked discouragingly cool and unperturbed as he arose at her entrance.

"It is a little matter, doctor," he explained, "I have just been transferred to the Y mines, and they have smallpox down there, so I suppose it is necessary to be vaccinated."

"It certainly is, if you haven't been lately. Things are in bad shape at the Y. I have put in the whole afternoon there. There's a good deal of smallpox and more dissatisfaction. I suppose the dissatisfaction is what sent you there."

"I suppose so. What's at the bottom of the trouble anyway?"

"Sickening feeds and the company store. If you can get the contract to do anything before Cass Jones does you as its newest representative, you will have a very good work. If you can't come into the office and I will explain more."

He bowed briefly.

"This is the first time I ever came here as a patient," he remarked.

He held his arm and looked dubiously at its white surface.

"How could she be a doctor?" Still, he had sometimes wished he could be sick a week or two. It would be such a good chance to see her every day. What was she going to do with that razor-looking little knife? It had been so long since he was vaccinated he had forgotten all about it. Did she put the stuff in at the end of that? If she was going to fuss he wished she would and stop that scrubbing.

He watched her mechanically for a few moments. Suddenly he began to describe circles on the floor.

Dr. Ruth looked up, smiling, as she laid the lancet down. "Will you please stop that? You ought to be ashamed. Men are always such cowards."

He looked down sheepishly.

"Why, I says" he gasped, "what's the matter?"

"Nothing, only you have a way of moving your left foot persistently."

"I was aware that you knew it," he said, "but I supposed you were too polite to mention it. Now, if you please, what is the matter?"

"Why, that dimple in your chin," she answered.

"Then you have noticed it?" he cried.

"Of course I have. Now, please, I am busy. Will you kindly—"

He got up and moved obediently to his feet and leaned against a convenient case of drawers.

"Good Lord!" he groaned. "What do you think of me? I hope you don't think it was because it hurt. I don't know what it was. I was watching that little knife; then I was here on the floor. Please finish the job," he concluded irritably. "I'll try to stand up under it."

As she adjusted the small bandage he thought savagely:

"If I should lift you off your feet, my sweet doctor, and kiss that diabolical dimple, you might at least respect my muscle. How can a fellow make love to a woman doctor anyway?" Aloud he said, "Thank you, doctor," rather abruptly, hurried into his coat, settled with the office boy and got away with all speed.

The doctor strolled to the window and watched him go striding off, his big shoulders squared.

"Poor old fellow!" she said softly.

Then she flushed and smiled in a way that little befitted a member of the medical profession.

"He is bashful and stupid, too," she pouted.

Doane Aldrich squared his shoulders against his troubles often that winter. His recognized powers as a pacificator seemed to have signally failed.

One day he swung into the cart as the doctor was trotting home.

"See here," he said. "I must talk with you. I don't know what to do with those people. Heaven knows they have reason enough to be sore, and I am helpless. Of course they can't realize that, but the company pays no attention to my representations. I am the nearest thing the poor brutes have to hate, and they hate me well. Tomorrow I have got to discharge McGuire and Kearney"—

The doctor interrupted: "That means a strike, to begin with. Then Kate McGuire and Dilsey Kearney—why, they would as soon have a riot as enough to eat."

"But what can I do? The men have come on the shift twice within a week drunk and quarrelsome. Overlook it and they will all get drunk and"—

"Raise hades," gently suggested the doctor. Then her face grew mischievous. "Don't you think you had better follow your predecessor's example and throw it up?" she suggested.

He looked at her with decided sternness.

"I supposed that was about the opinion you entertained of me. Excuse me. There is a man I want to see."

And Mr. Aldrich had checked the horse enough to depart.

It was cool with a driving mist when Dr. Ruth started up to let Kate [illegible]

"Poor Bess," she said to the panting horse. "You're pretty good."

A [illegible] down the [illegible] was thought [illegible]

"Oh, Miss Doctor," he shrilled, "quick!"

He face she recognized the pet boss' boy.

"Ma sent me to tell you to do somethin' quick. Kate an' Dilsey is out with a lot of whom, an' they are runnin' wild. Mr. Aldrich went down with the new shift. Pa told him he better watch things on top, but he thought he needed help. Now they are goin' to get hold of the Shaftheuse an' when Mr. Aldrich comes up with the new men either drop the cage or rock 'em."

The doctor's face had grown white as the boy talked.

"The shift will come up at 6?" she asked.

The boy nodded.

"Come into the house. You must be dried and fed. I will telephone the police, but Bess and I will get there half an hour ahead of them. Heaven knows what we will do, but we will do something or die!" she half whispered.

"Now, go, Bess!" she cried as she sprang into the buggy.

As she approached the little town she could hear a sweeping din of discordant voices. She dashed through an alley and came out in the street in front of the shafthouse. The women were swarming around the corner just below her. Even at [illegible] yards away the [illegible] arms and distorted faces held her a second fascinated. Then her brown eyes [illegible] ruthlessly and she whipped the horse and cast down to the [illegible]

"Kate McGuire!" She recognized a [illegible] wife of Jim. Their [illegible] carried [illegible] to the [illegible] Then as the [illegible] given [illegible] and the "Scab" dog [illegible] a torrent of [illegible] she stopped.

"What do you mean by the demander standing around in this cold rain? What do you think it will do for your baby? You will be crazy with it. Your cheek is all swelled up now and your eye looks as though you had broken a blood vessel. I know a woman when" her voice grew deeply insulting—"a woman whose eye I greet, and she didn't expose herself the way you are doing either. And you, too, Dilsey, just ready over the smallpox—do you know what you will have? You will have a relapse!"

She fairly hurled the word at her, and Dilsey received it with a round of [illegible]

"Oh, nothing doctor!" she wailed, "Jim's [illegible]"

Kate [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

The Scorpion's Wonderful Ear.

[illegible] poison [illegible] Mygale [illegible] very sensitive to [illegible] the least disturbance [illegible] of [illegible] Under the [illegible] scorpion has two combs [illegible] which are the auditory [illegible] Its [illegible] well suited to physiologists and entomologists that in insects the auditive represent the organs of hearing. These delicate structures are easily affected by the vibrations of sound, and there can be no doubt whatever that they are also affected by sounds quite inaudible to the human ear.

The slightest vibration of the atmosphere from any cause whatever at once puts in motion the delicate structures which compose the antennæ, to which organs insects owe the power of protecting themselves against danger as well as the means of recognizing the approach of one another.—London Spectator.

Making Errors.

A Massachusetts business firm prints this paragraph at the top of its letter heads: "Errors we make them; so does every one. We will cheerfully correct them if you will write to us. Try to write good letters if you can, but write to us anyway. Do not complain to some one else first or let the matter pass. We want the first opportunity to do right any injustice that we may do. Do not be serious if you are asked over and over how to spell words to express the sounds of words, or many practical points in business correspondence. Inconsistencies in spelling and punctuation are frequent, but we are not responsible for them. Do not be afraid to write to us. We are glad to hear from you at any time, and will answer your letter promptly."

Career and Character of Lincoln

An address by Joseph Choate, Ambassador to Great Britain, on the career and character of Abraham Lincoln—his early struggles with the world—his character as developed in the later years of his life and his administration, which placed his name so high on the world's roll of honor and fame, has been published by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway and may be had by sending six cents in postage to F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

The Money-Back Cough Syrup.

Means a lot to people who are tired of experimenting with the ordinary cough preparations—you are not one of Dr. Geo. Leininger's Pan-mal-de-hyde Cough Cure does not please you. It will cure consumption and all serious and stubborn lung and throat diseases. Sold at 25c on a guarantee by J. W. Voorhees.

Treasurer's Sales

OF

Unseated Lands.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Act of Assembly, approved the 7th day of May, A. D. 1889, entitled "An Act to amend an Act, approved the twenty-ninth day of May, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, entitled 'An Act providing a system for the collection of County and Township Taxes, and for other purposes,' the following Lists of Unseated Lands in McKean County will be exposed to public sale or vendue, at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, Pennsylvania, on

MONDAY, JUNE 9th, 1902,

at 10 o'clock a. m., prevailing time, for the payment of the taxes for which said lands will be sold, unless the amount due thereon, with interest and costs, be paid on or before the day fixed for the commencement of said sale.

Notice is also given that in compliance with the Act of Assembly, approved the 9th day of June, 1887, "An Act to regulate the collection of taxes on Unseated Lands," there will be accrued interest at the rate of four per centum per annum on taxes of 1901 from January 1, 1901, and on taxes of 1900 from January 1, 1900, until the time of payment of same. See P. L. 1887, page 383.

ANNIN TOWNSHIP.

Wt.	Lot.	Acres.	Owner	Tax
3436		241½	J. A. Sampson & Co	$ 35 40
3437				
3438				
2005	362	24	do	3 44
3443				
2267	363	63	Elizabeth Winship	3 02
2263				
3455	184	26	Mary Simpson	4 68
1039	255	45	Eugene Mullin	10 22
	115	8	do	1 81
3456	47	14	Chas. Wedell	5 18
3468	249	25	Burdette Bray	5 08
2273				
2274	160	49½	Patrick Sullivan	4 59
2998		24	do	2 18
	162			
1218	210	110	Wm. Smar Est.	14 85
	206			
1038		10	John Kent	02
1038		60	Dolly & Walford	13 00
1038		60	do	13 00
1038	258	41	do	9 29
2177		50	J. C. Gosling	7 05
3445	397	275	do	57 32
3447				
2277		10	do	2 27
3448	363	55	do	1 58
2277	364	55	do	9 91
2277	84	25	do	3 10
		50	Unknown	11 52
2267				
2275	366	164½	W. F. Tubbs	82
2274		21	W. L. Lillibridge	4 77
2274		25	Pat B'y	5 65
2238	369	42	Emmel Hultz	2 02
2238	374	15	J. E. Mullin	3 65
3463		112	Baker & Lillibridge	32 93
2134		50	M. A. Lillibridge	10 73
116		25	J. L. Buckus Est.	5 68
2203				
2267		30	W. A. Hulett	5 59
2218		35	do	8 05
2219				
2219		5½	do	26
2218	342	24	E. Whitman	1 47
2214	393	35	C. A. Dolley	7 19
2214	393½	40½	do	8 48
2145	236	25	do	3 51
		130	do	16 97
2 03				
2207		100	do	18 05
2146				
2145	286	59	do	2 57
2145		25	do	1 10
2145	237	25	V. E. Vanderbilt	2 18
1739				
18		153	D. Simpson	20 34
3455	362	87	do	4 05
2277				
2218		66	John Kinney	4 97
15		85½	James Taylor	1 91
2177	398	27	Jno. J. Dy	2 34
2214				
2218		66	Louisa Dolley	8 61
2218				
3449	350	82	J. H. Cawley	3 57
2218	381	121	S. J. Grelson	10 53
3448		30	James Fitzsimmons	1 97

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

2228	10	A. K. Bosse	1 30
2150	2½	Mrs. Thos. Conoly	4 17
2207			
3443	361	91 James Greer	5 49
173			
3150	30	Ellen Lindsley	5 84
15	2½	W. S. G. McDougal	6 00
2210	100	Morris Burrows	14 68
15	¼	Unknown	72

BRADFORD TOWNSHIP.

3330	114	David Garlingle	9 11
2285	2	Monihan & Baker	50
	58		
5999	60	207 4-10 W. S. Weed & Co.	33 22
	100		
3007	168	H. S. Baker Est	27 06
3340	20	Nellie M. Baker	2 16
3007	47	201-10 T. W. Shaw	5 76
39 8	46	Unknown	7 20
3423	R¼	004 P. H. Nusbaum & Co.	48 84
3422	N½	804 do	84 35
3306		1/5 J. S. White	1 60
3300		4/8 J. B. Eastman	36 04
3300		1/5 T. L. V. Wagner Est.	1 80

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

No 8 Whitehead Ave.

Sub. 108	90x80	W. Ellicot	2 44

CERES TOWNSHIP.

	70	E. D. Loveridge	3 82
2219			
2215	48	A. M. Boston	2 44
2.95	1/2	48 Martin J. Welsh	4 42
2.5			
2230	340	148 John Goodling	16 85
		do	5 94
		47 Esther Wells Est	2 45

		C. B. Barnes	
		Mckee Weeks	
		Wm. K. King	
		C. B. Smith Est.	
	W. Est	M. L. Roberts	
		do	
		do	
		do	
		Mrs. Mary Buckus Est	
		Reynolds & Rossells	
		do	

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

	78	T. S. Bronson Est.	
	92	Lamphere & Williams	
	50	Susan Morse Est.	
	74	Rupert Mason	5 21
4926	15	E. G. Tyler	1 00
2020	1	James Vanturen	
2017	106	Luther Canfield Est.	4 74
4924	32	Henry A Johnson	2 47
	247½	L. E Maxam	3 18

CORYDON TOWNSHIP.

3707	985	S. R. Morrison Est.	375 92
3709	900	do	75 23
3713	40	H. A. Courtright	17 25
3711	26	John E. Mullin	4 78
3711	25	do	4 73
3702	50	A. J. Pentecost	9 45
3702	500	Jno. F. Rooney	97 50
11	50	J. P. Philp	9 75
4832	1197	M. A. Lillibridge	270 92
4970	500	R. S. Baker Est.	97 50
125½	240	Ellis D. French	42 71
3710 C	10.50	W. S. Weed & Co.	
do 14	40 50	do	
do 16	31	do	
do 17	80.50	do	
do 18	28.70	do	
do 19	55	do	
do 20	40.40	do	
	280 60		
3705 C	50	do	
A	50	do	
	75	do	
	103	do	
	170	do	
B	25	do	
3704 C	314.50	do	
do A	175.50	do	
do	79.25	do	
do	81	do	
	649.24		
3705	45	do	
4874	3.00	do	
4874	5.00	do	
do	5.00	do	
do	5.00	do	
do	5.00	do	
do	2.75	do	
do	25.00	do	
	61.75		
	4.75		

		W. H. Pratt	
	205	Persia Commissary	
	100	Carpenter & Cutler	
	100	Hamilton & Knowles	
	122.10	Weed & Co.	
	100.50	do	
	100.50	do	
	121.50	do	
	64.80	do	
	121.50	do	
		W. A. Monday	
		do	
		do	
		do	
		do	
		S. A. Monday	
		do	
		do	
		do	
		do